



Elmira - Corning Branch

News & Views

October 2012

*AAUW Advances Equity for Women and Girls
Through Advocacy, Education and Research*

Julia Lavarney and Janet Winfield, Co-Presidents

Calendar

Sun., Oct. 14, 2012, 1:30 pm - Fall Fashion Show, Downtown Holiday Inn

Sat., Oct. 20, 2012, 2-4 pm - Books & Bites, Steele Mem. Library, Elmira

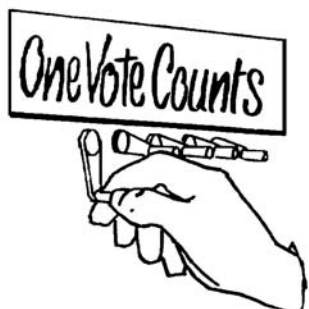
Tues., Oct. 23, 2012, 6:30 pm - "The Junction Canal," Chemung Valley
History Museum, Elmira, NY

Tues., Nov. 6, 2012 - Election Day

Presidents' Letter

Here we are into the busiest time of year. That goes for AAUW, too. Our fashion show is coming along. The models are choosing their outfits. I purchased an outfit that I will wear to host. So many pretty things to choose at the Dress Barn. I love sweater and jacket weather. We have Beautiful baskets to raffle. We will have a Halloween, Thanksgiving, Grandma's Garden, Bath and Body, Children's, Wine, and Cooking basket to raffle. Kerry Lippincott will talk at the History Museum on the 23, and I have offered my house for the Silver Bowl Tea in November. Motivation to clean is always welcome. I hope to see you all at the festivities.

Warmly,
Janet



Membership Corner News

Lenore Lewis

Our Interest Groups are starting up. Bridge, Mah jongg and Let's Eat Out groups will meet soon. If you would like to start an Interest Group, please contact me: Lenore Lewis at 739-2290.

The Membership Committee would like to thank everyone for renewing their memberships this year. We know you will enjoy the presentations our Program Committee have planned for you. If you know anyone who might like to join our branch you can contact your Membership Committee at 739-2290.

We have two new members to introduce this month:

Heather Scherb

We'd like to introduce **Heather Scherb** to our branch. Heather has an undergraduate

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Books & Bites

Betty Reiter, Chair



Our first meeting of Books and Bites was a great success. We

enjoyed talking about both fiction and nonfiction books that we had read during the summer. The nonfiction included: The Story of a Common Soldier of Army Life in Civil War by L. Stillwell, Tent Life in Siberia by George Kennan, Pitch Uncertain by Maisie Houghton, Death by Petticoat by Mary Miley Theobald, The Great Game by Frederick P. Hitz and The Secret in Building 26 by Jim DeBrosse and Colin Burke. The fiction books included Blaze of Glory by Jeff Shaara, People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks, Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford, Diving Bell and

Butterfly by Jean-Dominique Bauby, Gone Girl by Giullian Flynn, The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows, Tag Man by Archer Mayor, Toys by James Patterson, Five Little Pigs by Agatha Christie and D.C. Dead by Stuard Wood.

Our next meeting will be on Sat. Oct. 20th at Steele Library at 2 PM. I hope you can come.

AAUW VALUE PROMISE

By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance

AAUW VISION STATEMENT

AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting on the lives of women and girls.

Bon Ton Community Days

Phyllis Shore

We will again be selling the Bon Ton Community Day Booklets for \$5.00 each. Remember, AAUW keeps the entire \$5 we receive from the sale of each booklet.

I signed up AAUW to sell on November 9th (a Friday) from 10:00 am to 12 Noon in the Bon Ton store.

We need your support. Please call or e-mail as to when you can help sell in the store. My telephone no. is 607-796-0108. My e-mail is PhShore@stny.rr.com.

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degree from Cornell, and has just earned her M.S. Ed. Degree in Literacy from Elmira College. She grew up in Elmira and lived here until she married her husband. They moved away for 20 years; but moved back to this area in 2007.

Heather began her career as a home economics teacher, from there she went on to work as a nutrition educator, and then as an instructor for a software company. She took quite a few years off to stay at home with their three children, and then came full circle and taught home & careers. She says she isn't currently working but her schedule is FULL: Her main interest right now is her family. They have a daughter who is a junior at U of Rochester, and two boys who are at Horseheads high school. Heather volunteers for the Steuben County Literacy Program and is also working with an ESL student from China. She still finds time to tutor several students at Severn Elementary, and volunteers as a tax preparer for the VITA program.

Among Heather's interests, when she has free time, are reading, traveling, and play mah-jong. She tries to jog and practice yoga whenever possible.

Heather's friend Mary Beth Frederick introduced her to our branch. She's looking forward to

meeting people and getting involved with our activities.

Heather we're so happy that you've taken a time from your busy schedule to become part of the Elmira Corning AAUW. We certainly welcome you.

Dr. Geraldine F. Wolfe, PhD

We'd like to welcome **Dr. Geraldine F. Wolfe, PhD** as our newest branch member. Her extensive Bio follows in her own words:

"The education that I obtained at Corning Free Academy instilled within me a love of learning and inspired within me the desire to always aspire to greater and loftier heights.

After graduating from CFA as the first African-American to be inducted into National Honor Society, I attended Keuka College, graduating with a degree in Biology. From Keuka in 1965, I enrolled in Mt. Holyoke College in Massachusetts, earning a MA degree in Biology. Thereupon, I returned to Corning to teach Biology and Health at Corning-Painted Post West High School for over 20 years. While teaching, I obtained another Masters Degree from Elmira College in Education (MS Ed.), the equivalent of yet another Masters Degree in Educational Administration (CAS) from SUNY Brockport, and a Doctor of Philosophy

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Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Cornell University.

Resigning from West High in 1990, I assumed various administrative positions, namely: Assistant Professor of Education for SUNY Plattsburgh, Director of Curriculum and Instruction in Saranac Lake Central District, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction in Schenectady City School District, and Superintendent of Schools in Catskill, New York.

Since retiring from Catskill, I have served as a consultant/turnaround specialist for myself or for the New York Charter School Association. In this capacity, I am called upon to provide services to charter schools that are in danger of losing their charters because of low academic performance in terms of New York State test scores and lack of strong discipline policies. I have been in the schools varying for a period of from 3 months to one year, depending upon the time that it takes for them to make a turnaround, working with the administrators, CEOs, Boards of Education, as well as teachers and parents. Once I leave, it becomes the responsibility of the principals/CEOs, etc. to continue to implement the strategies which I

have established or risk losing their charters.

In between assignments, I have traveled extensively to places such as East and South Africa, India, Greece, The Holy Land, Egypt, Turkey, Cyprus, Hawaii, Belize, Alaska, the Galapagos Islands and the Caribbean to name a few. I also make frequent trips to North Carolina to visit my son, his wife, and my grandson.

Although retired, I read educational journals and other literature such as the NYSCOSS newsletter to keep abreast upon the latest changes in education such as the Common Core Standards, the latest on NYS Assessments, and follow very closely the newest findings on Teacher/Principal evaluations. In addition, I attend NYSCOSS conferences as time permits, have instituted the first Middle School Interact Clubs in NY State for Corning Rotary, serve on Scholarship committees which award scholarships to minorities and other local students, the Literacy Committee for Rotary, and serve as Youth Exchange Counselor for the Rotary Exchange Students. Consequently, I am in the school buildings on a regular basis which enhances my desire to return to educational administration."

Geraldine, we are happy that you have also taken time from your busy schedule to join us. We certainly welcome you to our branch, also.

Public Policy & Educational Equity

Pauline Leveen

On September 22, we held another Voter Registration at Elmira College's Octagon Fair and as we have done in the past, we reserved a table (shared with LWV). As most of you know, we have done this in the past several years. This year we were, indoors in the Campus Center because of the possibility of rain. We managed to sign up about 20 students who also filled out requests for absentee ballots. Together with a completed registration form, we mailed these to the students' local Board of Elections.

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AAUW NYS Diversity

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership.

There shall be no barriers so to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

AAUW's mission statement emphasizes its determination to meet the needs of women of all ages, cultures and abilities. Bringing a diverse population into programs and membership is the feature that results in an influential organization that mirrors the community.

Silver Bowl Tea

Bonnie Chollet,
Education Chair



The Silver Bowl Tea will be held at Janet Winfield's home on Sunday November 18th from 1-3. We will have three speakers. Two are American Fellows at Cornell University and one is last year's recipient of the Leadership scholarship at Elmira College. It should be an informative afternoon along with lots of delicious treats. Please mark your calendar, as the date has just been finalized. Let's fill that Silver Bowl this year, so other young women can take advantage of AAUW's support in their varied studies!

Bridge Interest Group Topics

Steele Library Auditorium

Wednesday, October 10th -
10:30 - 11:45

Topic - Opening all hands
and rebids by opener

Wednesday, October 24th -
10:30 - 11:45

Topic - Responding to
partner's opening bid

Join us - please email
pstad145@aol.com

Annual District 2
AAUW-NYS Conference
Saturday, October 27, 2012
Alfred University
Judson Leadership Center

- ◆ Hear what's happening at the NYS Board
- ◆ Share good ideas with other AAUW members
- ◆ Hear Dr. Julia Overton-Healy, Director of the Women's Leadership Center give the keynote address

Send check for \$20
(payable to Bath Branch AAUW)
to Alise Irwin, 14888 Stone
Point, Branchport, NY 14418 by
Wed. October, 10



AAUW Websites

AAUW - USA
<http://www.aauw.org/>

AAUW - NYS
<http://www.aauw-nys.org/>

AAUW Elmira-Corning
[http://www.aauw-nys.org/
branches/elmira-corning.htm](http://www.aauw-nys.org/branches/elmira-corning.htm)

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Also, we passed blank forms out to others who requested one. Thanks to our members who volunteered and helped, Linda Guidas, Barb Friedman, Janet Winfield, Barbara Luther, Mary Hungerford (and her husband, Bill). We had one volunteer from the community, Lee Kiesling. So thanks to all.

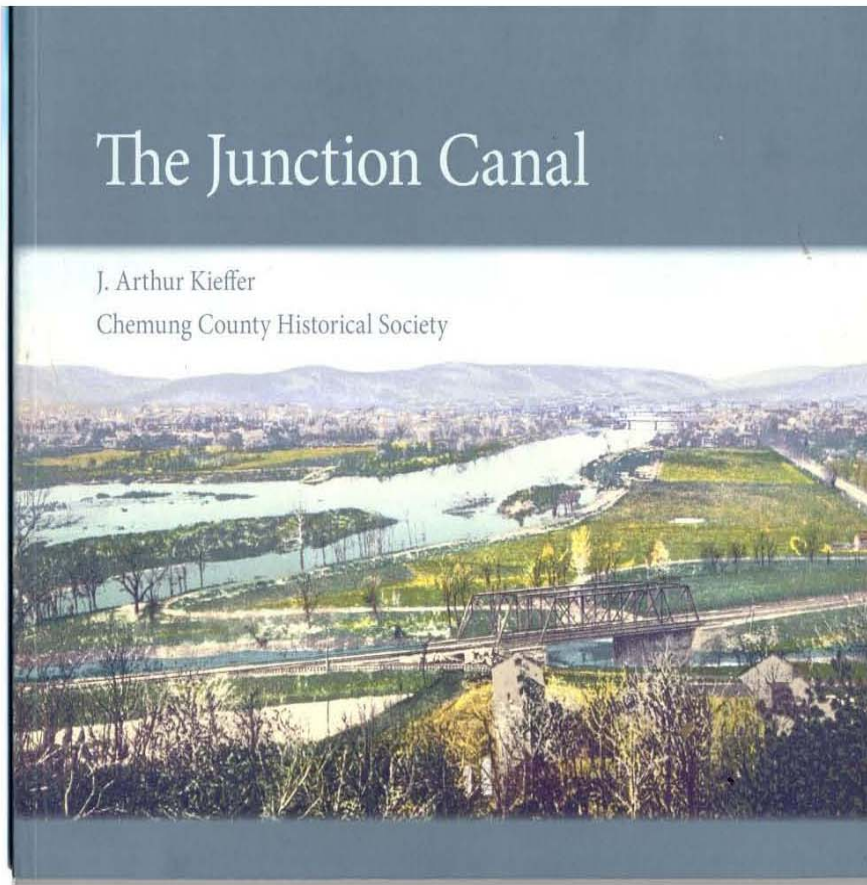
Scholarship Report

Liz Walton

Sue Hamilton, the Return to Learning and Zelda Sadinsky 2012 Scholarship Award winner has left a lasting impression on our branch. She is a full time student at Corning Community College pursuing an Associates Degree in Liberal Arts. She hopes to continue her studies at Mansfield University and obtain a Bachelor's degree in Graphic Design in 2015. With this in mind, I asked her to redesign our branch Membership Brochure and to design a poster to announce the Scholarship opportunity at local colleges and universities.

She agreed and has given a new look to the membership brochure. The board approved the new brochure and they are being printed now in hopes of being available at the Fall Fashion Show. I hope you all like it and will pass them along to people who would be interested in joining AAUW and supporting the mission to advance Equity for Women and Girls through advocacy, education and research.

Please support the Scholarship Fund by coming to the Fall Fashion Show or simply send a donation to Elmira - Corning AAUW Scholarship Fund. It will allow us to continue to help non-traditional students such as Sue who then give back to our group through their energy and talents.



PLEASE JOIN US AT THE CHEMUNG COUNTY HISTORICAL
MUSEUM ON OCTOBER 23, 2012, FOR AN EVENING WITH

KERRY LIPPINCOTT,

EDUCATION COORDINATOR AT THE CHEMUNG COUNTY HISTORICAL
SOCIETY, AS SHE DISCUSSES THE HISTORY OF

THE JUNCTION CANAL

BY

J. ARTHUR KIEFFER,

CHEMUNG COUNTY HISTORIAN AND AUTHOR

In operation from 1856 to 1872, the Junction Canal linked the Chemung Canal to
the North Branch Canal in Pennsylvania. The canal was privately owned and
developed by businessmen in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania and Elmira.

Autographed copies of *The Junction Canal* by Chemung County Historian J. Arthur
Kieffer will be available for purchase.

AAUW MEETING 6:30 PM AAUW PROGRAM 7:00 PM

415 EAST WATER STREET, ELMIRA, N.Y.



*Elmira-Corning Branch of
the American
Association of
University Women
Presents a Fall
Fashion Show*

Sunday, October 14, 2012

Fashions by The Dress Barn

Riverview Holiday Inn

Dessert & Coffee

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Donation: \$10.00

*In Support of the AAUW
Scholarship Fund*

Door Prizes & Raffles

(need to be present to win)

*Tickets available at the
door.*

